

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Monday, May 13, 2013

Present: Paula C. Bell, Chair
Brian Duncan, Commission Member
Jesse Goode, Jr., Commission Member
Harold Otis, Commission Member
E. Donald Foster, Alternate Commission Member
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Philip A. Dacey, Commission Member

Ms. Bell called to order a meeting of the Frederick County Ethics Commission at 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2013, in the Winchester Room on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Approval of the February 11, 2013 meeting minutes – A draft of the minutes was emailed to the Commission members before the meeting. There were no requests for changes.

MOTION: Mr. Otis made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Mr. Duncan abstained, as he was not a member of the Commission at the time of the February 11 meeting. The minutes were approved by the four members present and voting.

Decision to meet to perform an administrative function – The Commission members agreed unanimously to conduct an administrative function meeting to hold a hearing on a pending complaint.

Required information regarding the administrative function meeting – The Commission began its administrative function meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m. on May 13, 2013, in the Winchester Room on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701. Present for the meeting were Ms. Bell, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Goode, Mr. Otis, Mr. Foster, Ms. Romack (whose term on the Ethics Commission will begin on July 1, 2013), Special Projects Manager Michael Marschner and Ms. Thall, as well as the parties to the complaint and their attorneys and witnesses. The Commission members heard argument and testimony on the complaint. After the record was closed, the members of the Ethics Commission excused the parties and witnesses and deliberated on the merits of the complaint.

Adjournment

MOTION: At the conclusion of the administrative function meeting, Mr. Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

/s/
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney